

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION – SCHEDULE OF MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE GOALS AND MEASURES FOR 2015-2017 HIGH PRIORITY SUBWATERSHEDS

Thank you for submitting the 19 November 2014 request to update the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's (Coalition) Management Plan. The request proposes a schedule of Management Plan Performance Goals and Measures for the 2015-2017 priority subwatersheds and a modification to include a review of Farm Evaluation survey information to identify implemented practices.

The Coalition is currently implementing Performance Goals for the 2012-2014, 2013-2015, and 2014-2016 sets of high priority subwatersheds. The 2015-2017 high priority subwatersheds are Howard Lateral @ Hwy 140, Levee Drain @ Carpenter Road, and Mootz Drain downstream of Langworth Pond. This is in accordance with the Management Plan Update schedule approved on 1 July 2013, and removal of the Silva Drain @ Meadow Drive site, approved on 13 February 2014.

The proposed performance goals, measures and completion dates for the 2015-2017 priority subwatersheds are similar to previously approved sets of performance goals and measures, except for a change in the evaluation of management practice information. The Coalition intends to evaluate current management practices using information obtained from Farm Evaluation Plan surveys prior to contacting individual growers. For members who are encouraged to adopt additional management practices, the Coalition will utilize the following year's Farm Evaluation survey to determine if practices have been implemented. The Coalition will still contact individual growers, as needed, to discuss the need for management practices that protect water quality.

Based on review of the request and discussion of the proposed performance goals with the Coalition, staff confirmed that the outreach and management practice evaluation process complies with the current management plan, and does not significantly change the Coalition's proposed performance goals and subsequent management plan milestones. Therefore, I approve the requested modification of the performance goals and measures schedule in the seventh set of high priority subwatersheds.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this letter, or need any further information, please contact Yared Kebede at Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at 916-464-4828.

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